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For:

METHOD OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND OF ACHIEVING A

RECOMMENDED ASSET ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL STRATEGY,

AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER

PROGRAM THEREOF

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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90. (amended).

A method comprising:

obtaining data comprising rates of return for a plurality of asset classes and at least one

rate of inflation;

obtaining for a particular individual a financial portfolio to be evaluated based on an initial investment allocated to at least one of the asset classes, and a desired withdrawal amount having a fixed dollar amount and a fixed percentage amount;

generating a probabilistic distribution of investment outcomes for the financial portfolio on an incremental basis within a designated time period by determining a plurality of projected